IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 54-57, 59, 60 and 65-67 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected, three of the

letter input elements include a letter selected from the group of letters X, Y and Z and a letter selected from the group of letters L, M and N.

59-60. (Cancelled)

61. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 54, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with at least half of the at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

one of the letter input elements ~~includes~~ including only the letters C and K.

62. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 54, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with at least half of the at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

one of the letter input elements ~~includes~~ including only the letters D and J.

63. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 54, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with at least half of the at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

one of the letter input elements ~~includes~~ including only the letters P and Q.

64. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method for entering letters of an alphabet ~~as claimed in claim 54, wherein~~ using a computer having a display device, memory

storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with at least half of the at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

one of the letter input elements ~~includes~~ including only the letters R and Q.

65-68. (Cancelled)

69. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, O and P, Q and R, E and F, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

70. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, O and P, Q and R, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

71. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid

combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, R and S, G and H, T and U, and V and W.

72. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and X, E and F, G and H, L and Y, O and P, V and W, Q and R, S and Z, and T and U.

73. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, O and P, Q and R, T and U, and V and W.

74. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, C and D, M and N, R and X, S and Z, T and U, and W and Y.

75. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters A and B, M and N, R and S, and T and U.

76. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters C and D, L and X, R and Y, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U, G and H, M and N and S and Z.

77. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid

combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters G and H, M and N, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U and L and Y.

78. (Previously Presented) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters include only the letters V and W, M and N, T and U and R and S.

Please add new claims 79-88 as follows:

79. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, O and P, Q and R, E and F, G and H, T and U, and V and W, respectively.

80. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, O and P, Q and R, G and H, T and U, and V and W, respectively.

81. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to

each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, R and S, G and H, T and U, and V and W, respectively.

82. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, C and X, E and F, G and H, L and Y, O and P, V and W, Q and R, S and Z, and T and U, respectively.

83. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid

combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, C and D, E and F, M and N, O and P, Q and R, T and U, and V and W, respectively.

84. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, C and D, M and N, R and X, S and Z, T and U, and W and Y, respectively.

85. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters A and B, M and N, R and S, and T and U, respectively.

86. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters C and D, L and X, R and Y, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U, G and H, M and N and S and Z, respectively.

87. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters G and H, M and N, V and W, A and B, E and F, T and U and L and Y, respectively.

88. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least ten operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having at least two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected,

the letter input elements having at least two letters including the letters V and W, M and N, T and U and R and S, respectively.